

The First Family

Genesis 2:20-24, 3:1-24, 4:1-16

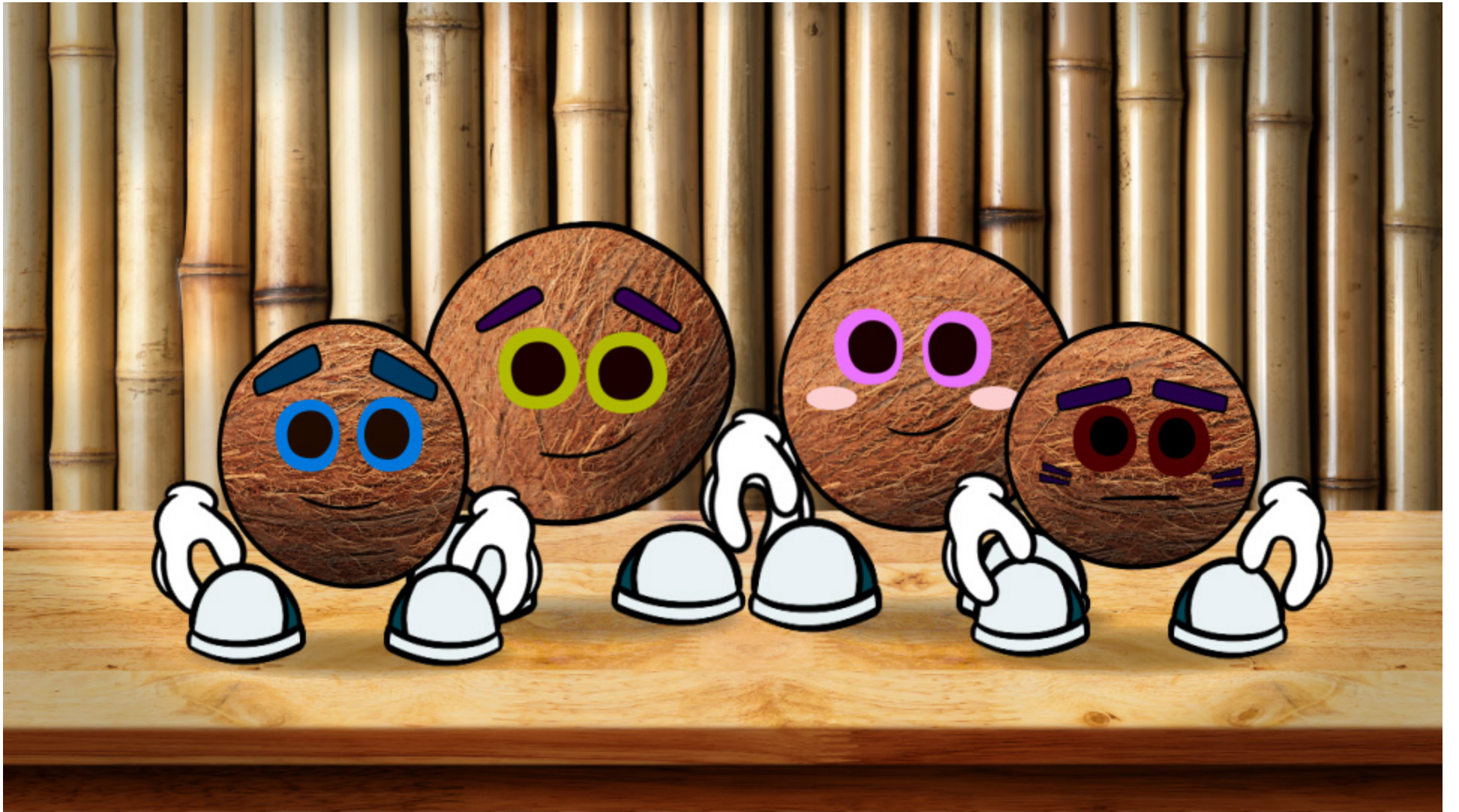
God made the first family when He created the first man named Adam and the first woman named Eve. What were their names? (Adam and Eve)

That's right! When God created people, He knew they didn't need to be alone, so God put Adam and Eve together in a garden called Eden. At first, their family was perfect!



Adam and Eve were a perfect family until the day they decided to disobey God. Everybody say, “Uh-oh!” (Everyone will say, “Uh-oh”)

When they disobeyed God, everything changed. They couldn't be friends with God anymore, and their lives became hard — even being a family was hard.



Even though their family wasn't perfect anymore, God still loved Adam and Eve. He gave them two sons named Cain and Abel. Let me hear everybody say, "Cain and Abel." (Everyone will say, "Cain and Abel")

When Cain grew up, he became a farmer. What kind of food do you think Cain grew? (Allow responses)

When Abel grew up, he became a shepherd. What kind of animals do shepherds take care of? (Sheep)



Cain gathered some of the food he had grown to give to God, but it wasn't the best of his crops.

Abel brought some of his best newborn sheep and gave them to God.

How do you think God felt about Abel's gift since Abel brought his best sheep? (Allow responses)

God cared about the thoughts and the effort the brothers put into their gifts to Him. Abel thought hard about what God wanted and made a real sacrifice by giving up his best sheep. So God was very pleased with Abel's gift, but God was not pleased with Cain because he didn't bring his best.



This made Cain very jealous of his brother. Have you ever felt jealous of your brother, sister, or friends? (Allow responses)

Sometimes we may feel jealous and want what others have, but God knows that we can do wrong things when we feel this way.

So when God saw that Cain was feeling jealous, God warned him about the anger he was feeling. God reminded Cain that he had not done the right thing and that his sin would control him and make him do wrong things if he did not control it and make right choices.



Sadly, Cain let sin take over his heart. He didn't ask God to help him do the right thing. Instead, he asked his brother to go to the field with him, and while they were there, Cain attacked Abel and killed him.

Was that the right thing to do? (No)

Because Cain disobeyed God, he could no longer grow crops and he had to leave his home.



But God promised to protect Cain because God still loved him even though he wasn't perfect.

God knows that all of us are going to do wrong things, and when we do, it can hurt our families. But God still loves us, even though no family is perfect.